Participant Safety on Zoom

Virtual ILC 2021

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Participant safety is a top priority for HOSA. Zoom.us is the video and virtual conferencing platform that will be used to conduct many HOSA Virtual ILC components, including competitions and executive council applicant interviews. A number of restrictions will be used to protect participants in the platform.

1. Each competition room used will have a unique passcode. That passcode will only be made available to judges and participants in that round.
2. The ability to use Zoom backgrounds will be turned off. The ability to share screens and file share through the chat will be turned off, unless needed during a specific competition.
3. Waiting Room features will be turned on for all events, so only authorized competitors and staff will be granted access.
4. The Private Chat feature will be disabled to prevent communication that cannot be seen by event moderators.
5. All judges and competitors will be given a strict naming process that must be used in each event (i.e., Competitor - Suzy Smith) so that all persons may be easily identified.
6. Finally, conference staff and competitive event volunteers will be monitoring all Zoom rooms during competition. They will quickly remove anyone violating competition policy. Competitors may report disruptions to the conference helpline, where staff will be prepared to handle any problems immediately.
7. More information on Zoom's privacy can be found here.